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**Fahd
receives
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Crown Prince Fahd

TAIF, Sept. 25 (SPA) — Oman's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Quais al-Zawawi, arrived here Monday and had talks shortly afterwards with Crown Prince Fahd.

Zawawi said his visit was "part of the continuous process of coordination and cooperation between Oman and Saudi Arabia in the general interest of the two countries and the Arab nation."

**Habash,
Assad hold
1st meeting
in 10 years**

DAMASCUS, Sept. 25 (R) — Syrian President Hafez Assad has his first meeting in more than 10 years with Dr. George Habash, leader of the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), which has criticized Syria's attitude to the Middle East crisis.

The meeting took place in Damascus Sunday night. Habash arrived here Wednesday for a conference of the Arab "Steadfastness and Confrontation Front", which includes Syria.

The Damascus government has not abandoned the possibility of a negotiated Middle East settlement through the Geneva conference on the basis of United Nations resolutions.

Assad in Amman today

AMMAN, Sept. 25 (Agencies) — Syria's President Hafez Assad will visit Amman Tuesday for talks with King Hussein in the wake of the Camp David accords between Egypt and Israel, the Jordanian government announced Monday night.

On Sunday night, Jordanian Prime Minister Modar Badran said King Hussein will shortly make a tour of several Arab countries for talks on the Camp David accords.

Badran told the official Jordan News Agency the king would also send envoys to other Arab capitals to explain Jordan's position and propose a common Arab response to latest Middle East peace developments.

The king will also brief a number of world leaders, Badran said.

Badran did not name the Arab countries the king intended to visit, but observers here thought they would include Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states.

Meanwhile, Oman said Monday certain aspects of the Camp David accords represented tangible progress toward peace in the Middle East and praised President Sadat for his initiative in making his historic trip to Jerusalem 10 months ago.

In the first favorable official Arab reaction to the Camp David agreement, a foreign ministry spokesman said Oman believed that "every Arab government had the right to take the position of which it was convinced."

He said such a country would then "explain its position and the reasons for it to other Arab states in a manner which would be conducive to a narrowing of differences and maintaining Arab solidarity as a framework for achieving a just settlement."

The spokesman said Oman, which was one of the few Arab states to back Sadat's visit to Israel, "did not regard the results of the Camp David summit" as completely negative. "Certain aspects represented tangible progress," he added.

He said the emergence of differences among the Arab states about the results on Camp David "should not lead

"We were not encouraged.

It deviates from (U.N. Resolution) 242, — which had previously been the U.S. position. Much of it has to be revised before it will become acceptable to us and to our Arab partners... It must include total withdrawal and Arab sovereignty over Arab Jerusalem. Otherwise, there is nothing to negotiate about," King Hussein said.

The Jordanian monarch also said the results of the Camp David meeting amounted to a "fig leaf" for Israeli Premier Menachem Begin's own Middle East peace plan.

"What has come out of the general framework is a fig leaf for the Begin plan. Pure sugarcoating. Look at all of Begin's statements: Israeli troops

plan offers none of the guarantees that they deem essential before they sit down to talk with the militarily superior Israelis.

What they have said is that there is an "implied commitment" for Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank, something which the officials acknowledge does little to dispel the Arab conviction that Israel will do only what an agreement explicitly says it must do.

Israel's parliament was to open debate Monday on the accords and the key proviso that Israel abandon its 18 Sinai settlements. The vote will come Wednesday and success is virtually assured following endorsement by the cabinet and the chief opposition party.

Official sources said in Damascus Monday that Assad told Vance in their meeting that the Camp David summit had given Israel all it wanted and was completely inconsistent with Arab interests.

Assad said that the agreements disregarded Arab and Islamic rights, in particular the

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Vance: Trip brought no tangible results

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance returned home Monday, conceding that his five-day Mideast trip had produced no tangible results in President Jimmy Carter's bid to gain Arab support for the Camp David peace accords.

That assessment was a far cry from the ringing send-off he received from Carter, who told a cheering joint session of Congress last week that he was sending Vance to Arab leaders "to secure their support for the realization of the new hopes and dreams of the people of the Middle East."

Vance, who visited the heads of state in Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Syria, reported directly to Carter at an early-morning meeting Monday that was not announced in advance.

Also present to get Vance's report were Vice President Walter F. Mondale and presidential aides Zbigniew Brzezinski and Hamilton Jordan.

Vance's final stop on Sunday was in Damascus, where he met for four hours with Syrian President Hafez Assad. Afterwards, a senior American official, who declined to be identified, said the talks gave no encouragement that Assad would change his views.

Assad, a leader in the so-called rejectionist front, has called the accords "treacherous" because they do not guarantee complete Israeli withdrawal from territories occupied in 1967.

Vance's reception was similar in Jordan, which is considered more moderate than Syria. Both expressed strong reservations about the Camp David plan before Vance came. They expressed the same reservations after he left.

American officials, speaking privately, say they believe the key individual now is King Hussein of Jordan, whom they believe to be genuinely undecided about the accords.

Hussein said after Vance's visit that he will not join the peace process unless the terms of the agreements are modified to guarantee Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank of the Jordan River and Arab East Jerusalem.

American officials have had to tell Hussein and other Arab leaders that the Camp David



King Khaled

Zayed calls on Khaled in Geneva

GENEVA, Sept. 25 (SPA) — King Khaled Monday received the President of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan Al-Nahayan accompanied by UAE Interior Minister Sheikh Mubarak ibn Muhammed.

The King also received Gen. Abdul Hafiz Al-Olvi, an envoy of King Hassan II of Morocco, and Ahmad Binsouda, the head of the Moroccan Royal Cabinet.

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'This day'

Egypt opening direct contacts with Israel

CAIRO, Sept. 25 (Agencies) — Egypt is opening direct contact with Israel Monday in preparation for peace negotiations, President Anwar Sadat announced.

He told television reporters that Vice-President Hosni Mubarak "will be starting this day the establishment of direct contact between Egypt and Israel" to lay the groundwork for talks on the Camp David peace agreements.

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The Egyptian leader drew attention to three events—the creation of his political party, the Israeli cabinet's approval of the peace agreements, and the marriage Sunday of his only son, Gamal. "It is a happy moment for me," he said.

President Sadat declared that he had fulfilled his promise to hundreds of millions of people that he would never let them down after his initiative in visiting Jerusalem last November. He expressed his hope for "a new world with a new order of peace, love and brotherhood."

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**140 killed
in U.S.
jet crash**

SAN DIEGO, California, Sept. 25 (Agencies) — A Pacific Southwest Airlines jet coming in for a landing collided head-on with a small airplane above a residential neighborhood Monday morning. A total of 140 persons were killed, officials said, making it the worst airplane disaster in U.S. history.

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Sadat's demand that Israel agree to evacuate its 18 Sinai settlements aroused high emotions in the chamber, but Begin argued that Israel had no choice. "This is a painful matter," he said.

Nationalist Geula Cohen, of Begin's party, disrupted Begin's speech.

Opposition leader Shimon Peres, critical of Begin's handling of the negotiations, said his party would reluctantly support the accords when they come to a vote later this week.

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Ministry examines transport of desalinated water to Riyadh

RIYADH, Sept. 25 (SPA)— Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman Monday presided over a meeting at the Ministry of Agriculture and Water to discuss the piping of desalinated water from the Gulf to the capital.

Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, minister of agriculture and water, gave a brief sketch of the dimensions of the project currently underway. The project aims to meet the needs of rural areas for drinking water also, he said.

As part of the project, the capital's depleting aquifers are to be supplemented by water piped from Jubail. Contracts for the vast Stage Two of the Jubail desalination project, which will have capacity of 175 million gallons a day, are expected to be awarded during

this financial year. Prince Salman expressed his appreciation of the project and said that what was now being implemented had only been a dream in the past. He commended the Ministry of Agriculture and Water for its work.

The meeting, which lasted

Commerce makes rules for hotel safety, ease

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RIYADH, Sept. 25 (SPA)

New standards and specifications for hotels and motels in Saudi Arabia were announced Monday by the Hotel Division of the Ministry of Commerce.

They include safety and security measures, and guidelines for furniture and fixtures, general appearance and

buildings must be decorated and all windows must have curtains.

In addition, clients are to be treated courteously and the entrance halls and lobbies must be presentable.

Saudi-funded weather posts open in Yemen

SANA, Sept. 25 (SPA)

President Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen Sunday opened a meteorological station at Sanaa Airport and secondary posts at Taiz and Hodaiba Airports, which were built by a Saudi firm and financed by the Saudi government.



TRADE FINANCE: Representatives of the Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank and the Pakistan Oil Refinery Co. signing an agreement Monday, whereby the IDB will provide a \$15m loan to finance Pakistan crude imports from Abu Dhabi.

Zia says

Sharia will link Kingdom, Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 25 (SPA)

Pakistan will soon announce a definition of Muslim society for the swift enforcement of the Sharia, President Zia-ul-Haq said Monday.

The step will further reinforce ties between Pakistan and the Kingdom, he told SPA here Monday.

The president said that his program for the enforcement of Islamic law was going ahead according to plan. Together with the present encouragement of Arabic teaching in Pakistan, the step will further encourage the "excellent" rela-

tions between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

Banner

The Kingdom, he said, is not only the leader of the Arab nation but also carries the banner of Islam because it bases policy on Islamic teachings.

Cooperation between the two countries will be mutually beneficial and serve the interests of the Islamic nation as a whole, he added.

The president expressed his gratitude to the Saudi government for their support and assistance to Pakistan.

Hajjis

In Jeddah Monday, a further group of 1364 Pakistani pilgrims arrived for the Hajj on board the "Safina-e-Arab", according to the Pakistan embassy.

They were received at the port by Pakistan's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Fazal Muqeem Khan.

This year, Pakistan is sending 14,000 pilgrims by sea and 24,000 by air. Five thousand pilgrims have already arrived by sea.

Air pilgrims will start arriving on Oct. 2.

There are no reports of ill health.

Arabic

In Mecca, the Muslim World

Kingdom to bolster budget with SR3.2b from state reserves

By Elias Haddad

JEDDAH, Sept. 25—The government will transfer SR 3.2 billion (\$970 million) from the state reserves to the budget account.

The royal decrees published last week and this week in the official gazette "Umm Al-Qura" instructed the deputy prime minister and cabinet members to transfer SR 2.2 billion (\$666 million) and SR 1 billion (\$300 million).

The first transfer will finance the \$14 billion gas gathering system now being constructed in the Eastern Province, it was announced in the gazette of Sept. 15.

The project, to be completed in 1983, is presently planned to

collect 3.29 billion cubic feet per year of associated gas that now flared.

The second decree, issued this week, calls for the transfer of SR 1 billion to the budget general reserves.

The official gazette gave no further details.

The transfer coincided with a report early this month by the International Monetary Fund which said that Saudi Arabia's overall balance of international payments slipped into deficit to the tune of \$1.1 billion in the first quarter of 1978.

Fahd meets Ulema

TALF, Sept. 25 (SPA)

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• RIYADH, (SPA) — The Arab Broadcasting Federation's general assembly here Monday appointed new committees for Administrative and Financial Affairs, Legal Affairs and Satellite Communications.

Muhammad Al-Tuwaijri, deputy director general of the Gulf Arab Education Bureau, will attend UNESCO meeting of experts in Tunis Oct. 2 through 6.

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IDB to finance Abu Dhabi oil for Pakistan

JEDDAH, Sept. 25 (SPA)

The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) is to finance Pakistani imports of crude oil from Abu Dhabi, under a \$15 million loan agreement signed here Monday.

Acting IDB President Dr. Said Ahmad Minai signed the agreement with the Pakistan Oil Refinery Co. as part of the bank's program of financing ventures between Muslim countries.

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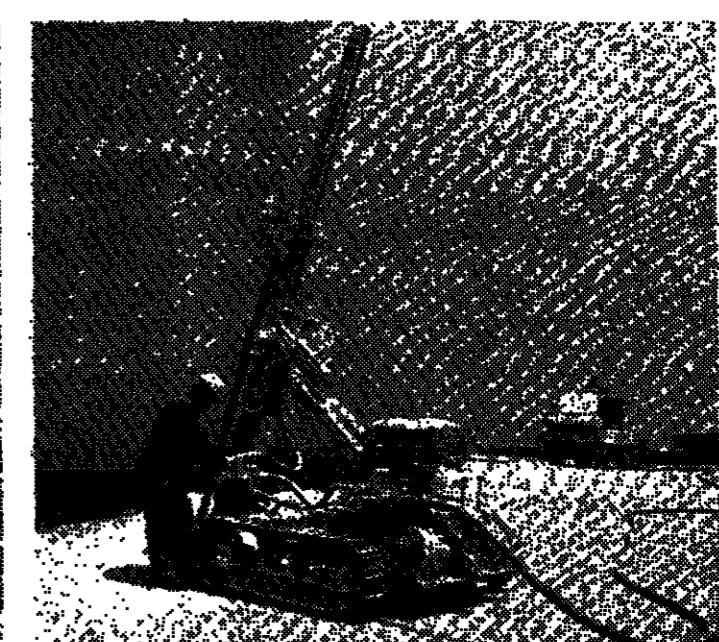
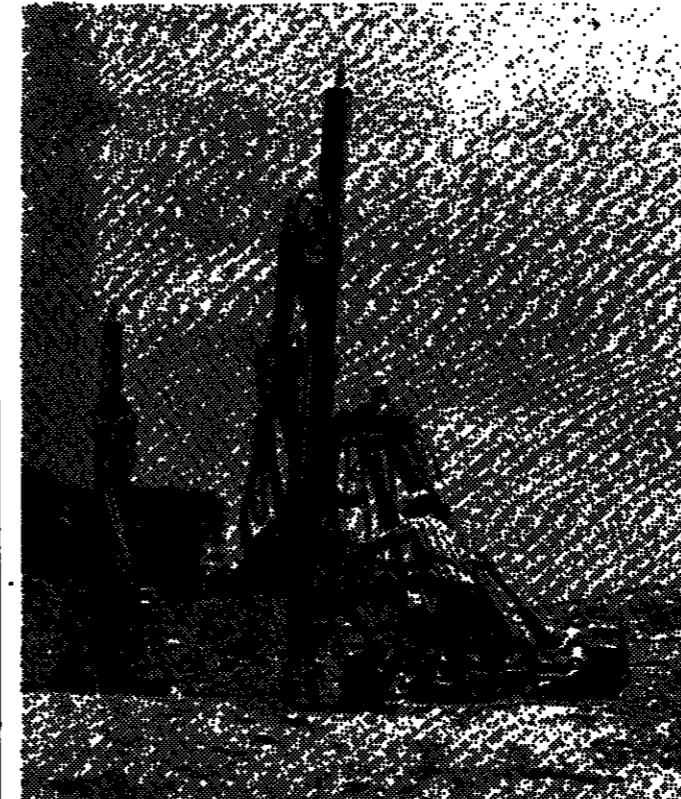
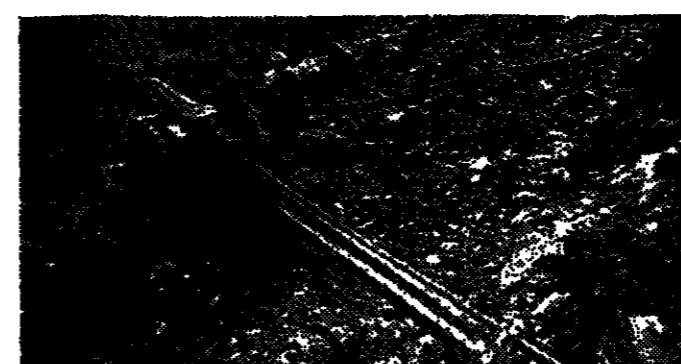


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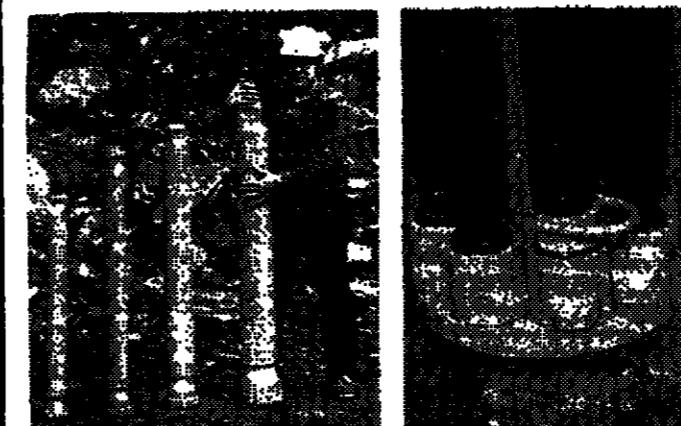


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Another British effort

Rhodesian talks said in sight

LONDON, Sept. 25 (R) — Britain was Monday planning another — and possibly final — attempt at a political settlement in Rhodesia.

After a flurry of weekend activity, informed sources here said another initiative was being launched.

Britain is renewing diplomatic efforts to bring all black and white leaders to the conference table.

1,000 Vietnam refugees landed on empty island

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept. 25 (AP) — More than 1,000 Vietnamese refugees stranded in the south China Sea for more than a week on the Southern Cross have been landed on uninhabited Pengibu island, in Indonesian waters midway between peninsular Malaysia and Indonesian Borneo.

The United Nations High Commission for Refugees announced Monday they were landed two days ago with the permission of the Indonesian authorities.

The 850-ton Iranian-owned freighter had been lying in international waters off the Malaysian east coast after it had been barred from entering Malaysia and Singapore. Malaysia had supplied the boat with food.

The refugees, nearly 500 of them children, fled Vietnam in four small boats. The freighter found the boats with engine trouble in the Gulf of Thailand two weeks ago and took on the refugees.

Both Malaysia and Singapore had said they would allow the refugees to land if a third country agrees to take them in permanently.

The UNHCR is asking the United States to give them sanctuary.

Workmen will try Monday to knock the oil-spewing pipe back into the 1,000-meter deep cavern where the crude is stored. If the plan works, oil spilling from the huge storage cavern will be stopped long enough for workers to move in.

Then they will try to set an expansion plug in the hole.

The fire erupted Thursday after an explosion that killed one man and seriously burned another.

The blaze is over a cavern holding seven million barrels of crude, one of six storage caverns hollowed out of a Gulf Coast salt dome.

Parliamentarians favor Mulder

Cape Town lobbying gathers pace

CAPE TOWN, Sept. 25 (R) — As the National Party prepares its caucus meeting here Thursday to elect a successor to Johannes Vorster as prime minister, lobbying Monday was reported to have reached fever pitch.

The rival claims of hard-line Defense Minister Pieter Botha were still wide open and Pik Botha was picking up support.

None of the three candidates looked likely at this stage to withdraw from contention, party sources said. So a secret ballot was possible for the first time since Hendrik Verwoerd won a caucus election for the premiership in 1958.

After the assassination in 1966 of Verwoerd, Vorster's sole opponent for the premiership, Ben Schoeman, then party leader in Transvaal Province, withdrew shortly before the election. Vorster was chosen unanimously with no vote needed.

If a three-way election is held and no one wins an overall majority of more than 50 per cent on the first ballot, the candidate polling fewest votes drops out and a second ballot is held to decide the victor.

Weekend polling of parliamentarians indicated Mulder had moved ahead of Pieter Botha but that the contest



President Somoza

heart was pulverized during a week-long assault by the National Guard, Nicaragua's 7,500-man army.

Nicaraguans say they hate Somoza because his troops have been brutal and repressive, a feeling heightened during the recent fighting. Witnesses told of seeing young men dragged from their homes and shot down by the Guard during the assaults on major cities.

Somoza has kept the Guard loyal through liberal fringe benefits, housing, medical care, and incentives that include lucrative business deals.

Businessmen accuse Somoza of being insatiably greedy, of mismanaging the economy and of fomenting a communist opposition merely by staying in office.

Journalists, seeking to balance reports on Somoza, were hard-pressed in recent weeks to find people on the street who had anything good to say about him. They often ask Americans why their country has been so reticent in her public statements concerning Nicaragua.

"This is only the beginning. I'm leaving for Costa Rica just as fast as I can," said one resident of Esteli, a city whose

then Nicaraguans were getting increasingly fed up. Business people figured that Somoza himself by his very presence in the government was fomenting communism, even though he professed he was combating it," said one business leader now in hiding.

The economy is in a shambles as the result of the destruction wrought in what amounts to a national mutiny.

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Dallas feature on Soviet TV analyzes Kennedy 'conspiracy'

MOSCOW, Sept. 25 (AP) —

Soviet television viewers were told Sunday that the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was a conspiracy involving more than one assassin, the CIA, the FBI, and Texas multimillionaire H.L. Hunt.

The program made no mention of Lee Harvey Oswald's links with the Soviet Union and Cuba.

Oswald, whom the Warren Commission concluded acted alone in the 1963 assassination,

had previously lived for several years in the Soviet Union and later tried to visit Cuba.

Soviet television correspondent Valentin Zorin, who discussed the assassination, said, "According to everything that is known, persons from the CIA and FBI had a hand in this crime."

The program showed Zorin standing beside an open window at the book depository in downtown Dallas, from which Oswald was alleged to have fired at the late president.

"The report that from this place he (Oswald) managed to play the role of the fall guy,"

"The subtlety of the preparation of the murder and the fact that each small detail was taken into account demonstrates not only the existence of a plot to get rid of the 35th president of the United States, but also the power of the forces which stood behind him."

car — was impossible.

"The other shots which hit the president were obviously made not from a distance, but from close up," he said.

Zorin said gunmen may have been hiding behind a fence or on top of a railway overpass.

According to another version, he said, "Snipers were hidden in a covered water hatchway along the road. After firing the nearly point-blank shots at the president, the killers closed the hatchway and escaped along an underground route."

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Basque separatists suspected in deaths of 2 more policemen

SAN SEBASTIAN, Sept. 25 (R) — Two Civil Guards

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The three latest killings in the Basque country appear certain to arouse fresh alarm in the Civil Guard national police force, one of the most effective of Franco's regime.

The latest slayings came before the opening later in the day of a Senate debate on country's new constitution.

Speculation about the latest wave of killings has blamed possible alliance of the Basque ETA with the leftist guerrillas of "The First of October Anti-Fascist Resist Groups" (GRAPO).

Speculation also centred around Wednesday's being third anniversary of Franco's execution of five Spanish revolutionaries.

'Life' springs eternal

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 — A reincarnated "Life" magazine went on sale Monday; it "will not be the 'Life' people remember," says Ira Gruber, managing editor of the earlier magazine and its corporate editor.

Managing Editor Kunhardt says the main that remains from the old is that it is to be surprised readers pictures.

The October issue features a portrait of the Shah of Iran, Anta and Halston. There are pictures of Jackie Kennedy Onassis taken by Alfred Eisenstaedt now 79 and one of four "Life" photographers.

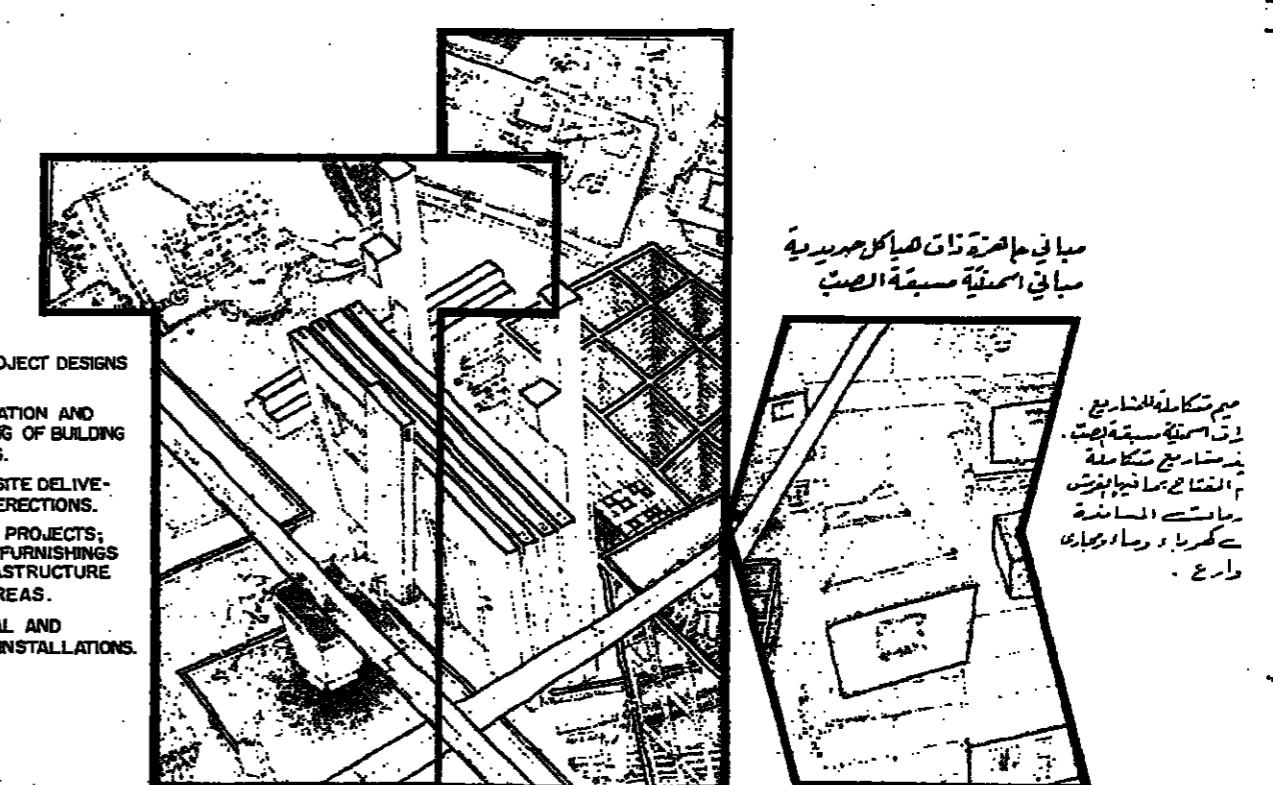
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IMF urges major nations to coordinate economies

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (AP) — Members of the International Monetary Fund urged major nations Sunday to work for closer coordination of their economies, saying the future value of the U.S. dollar probably depends on it.

They also agreed to a 50 per cent increase in the 135-nation institution's financial resources in the next five years, increasing the total to \$75 billion from the existing \$50 billion.

In a third important step, the members, including the United States, voted a \$15 billion increase in the IMF's special monetary asset, known as Special Drawing Rights. The SDR's as they are known, would be distributed to the members at the rate of \$5 billion a year.

An SDR is currently worth about 1.25 in U.S. dollars.

SDR's can be used as money for settling international trade and payments accounts between governments, but are not used commercially.

The actions were taken at a day-long meeting of the IMF's policy-making interim committee, which was meeting here prior to the formal opening Monday of the 33rd annual joint meeting of the IMF and the World Bank.

Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal represented the United States on the interim committee, which makes decisions on major issues for the IMF.

The committee said in a communiqué Sunday night that coordination of economic policies of major nations is needed because differences in inflation and growth rates led to disappointing economic results in the past year, including con-

tinuing high unemployment in many nations and a dramatic fall in the U.S. dollar.

Committee chairman Denis Healy, the British chancellor of the exchequer, told a news conference that the United States economy should grow more slowly next year while other nations should speed up their economic growth. He said this would reduce the huge U.S. trade deficit and trim the surpluses of other countries that help to cause the decline in the dollar, which was as much as 40 per cent against some currencies in the past 18 months.

The United States already has agreed to the approach outlined by the IMF members and President Carter is expected to announce a new anti-inflation program in the near future.

Healy said that overall, economic growth in the world probably will be about the same next year as in 1977 and 1978, but he said redistribution of growth among major nations, including the slowdown in the United States, would be a significant step forward.

He said that should set the stage for a substantial improvement in economic growth beginning in the second half of 1979, especially if value of the dollar can be stabilized.

The increase in the IMF's finances of \$25 billion beginning in 1980 came with surprising ease, since U.S. officials said last week they didn't think final agreement would be possible at the meetings here. The United States provides about 20 per cent of the total financing of the IMF, so its share of the \$25 billion increase would be about \$5 billion, which would have to be appropriated by Congress. The IMF finances are used to provide financial support to member nations which are experiencing economic difficulties.

Sunday's session set the stage for Monday's joint IMF-World Bank meeting and an expected renewal of the annual tug of war between rich and poor nations over the world's resources. As usual at these meetings, the United States and other wealthy nations are expected to make a commitment toward increasing aid to poor and developing countries, yet it likely will not satisfy those pressing for more.

Venezuela, Kuwait hold talks on oil

KUWAIT, Sept. 25 (R) — Venezuelan energy minister Valentín Hernández had talks here Monday with Kuwait Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa al-Sabah, the current OPEC president, on the effect on oil prices and the continuing decline in the value of the U.S. dollar, Kuwaiti officials reported.

Hernández arrived Sunday night from Saudi Arabia and met the ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah, and his crown prince and prime minister Sheikh Saad al-Abdullah al-Sabah before his talks with Sheikh Ali.

Kuwait and Venezuela are among members of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) which have called for an adjustment in the price of oil to compensate losses resulting from the fall in the exchange value of the dollar, the currency in which oil is priced.

OPEC oil ministers hold their next price-fixing meeting in December.

The officials said the two ministers had also discussed ways of furthering cooperation between their two countries in oil-related matters.

Bonn to write off debts owed by poor countries

BONN, Sept. 25 (R) — The West German government plans to write off 4.3 billion marks (\$2.2 billion) of debts owed by the poorest developing countries from Jan. 1 next year. Development Aid Minister Rainer Offergeld said

Offergeld told Reuters in an interview that a group of 30 countries will benefit from the scheme, which will be worked out in detail over the next few weeks.

Bangladesh, Sudan, Tanzania and Afghanistan will be the main countries to profit.

The planned debt-cancellation is along the lines laid down at a special meeting of the United Nations Conference on Tariff and Trade (UNCTAD) in Geneva in March.

West Germany then pledged to give the poorest countries

Carter's energy plan 'heading for victory'

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (AP) — U.S. President Jimmy Carter's embattled energy program appears headed for its first congressional victory as the House and Senate wade through busy agendas in hopes of finishing the year's work by mid-October.

The energy legislation has been bottled up in Congress for 17 months, while Carter has absorbed criticism from Western allies for not acting to curb America's dependence on imported oil.

The House has not yet acted on the plan.

Leak reduces capacity of Abu Dhabi gas plant

ABU DHABI, Sept. 25 (AP) — Abu Dhabi's multi-million dollar liquid natural gas plant on Das Island is operating at 75 per cent of planned capacity because of leaks discovered in two storage tanks, it was reported here.

The \$565-million plant constructed by Bechtel began operation last year. It was called a masterpiece of design and engineering and a milestone in the efforts of the Gulf states to harness their gas resources.

The first storage tank sprung a leak last March and investigation revealed similar, though less serious problems in the second tank. The first tank has been completely closed.

Repairs call for burrowing under the first tank and this alone is expected to take 18 months, the sources added. Costs have been estimated at \$15 to \$20 million.

Opponents of a hard-fought compromise on the natural gas section of Carter's energy plan are expected to make one more attempt Monday or Tuesday to try to kill the measure, but they say it will be an uphill fight.

Supporters of the bill — which would remove price controls from most natural gas by 1985 — claim they have enough votes for approval.

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Swiss F (100)	223.00	224.50
French F (100)	76.75	76.75
Italian Lira (1000)	4.10	4.10
Lebanese Lira (100)	113.50	113.50
Syrian Lira (100)	83.00	86.00
Egyptian Pound	4.70	4.80
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.30	12.30
Jordanian Dinar	11.20	11.18
Emirati Dirham (100)	86.75	86.75
Qatari Riyal (100)	86.75	86.75
Bahraini Dinar	8.67	8.67
Iraqi Dinar	10.50	10.50
Iranian Riyal (100)	47.00	47.25
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* Islamic University, Medina	Airconditioning of students' hostels	xx	150	Oct. 31
* Municipality of Qorayat	Drilling to two wells	xx	Free	Nov. 24
* Municipality of Mecca	Security of chemical fertilizer	4	20	Oct. 18
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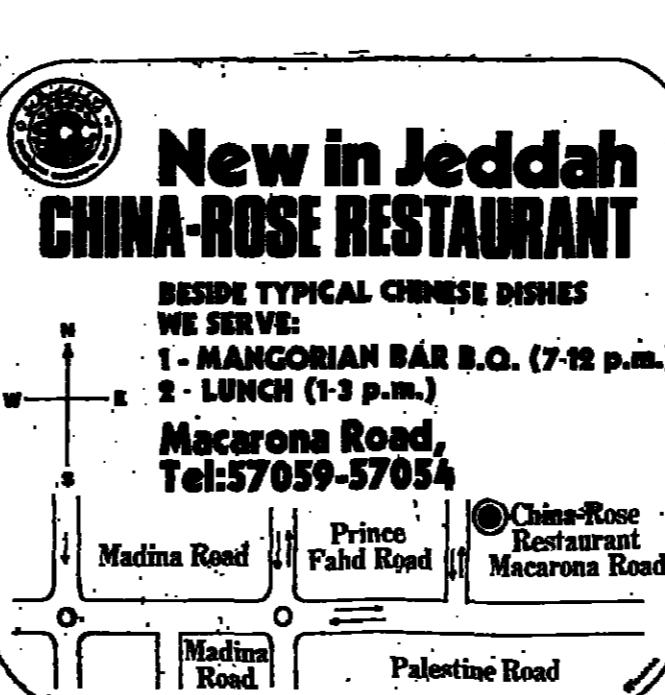
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Secretary Vance is back in Washington to report to President Carter on his lightning Middle Eastern tour. The mission was made necessary to assuage the fears of moderate Arab states that the Camp David agreements are a sell-out. If anything, the tour has proved to Mr. Vance that it has been quite necessary. This is not to say that the secretary of state has succeeded in winning over the Arab moderates. It will take more than words by Mr. Vance to set Arab-American relations straight.

Immediately after the conclusion of the Camp David agreements, President Carter assured the Arabs via a press conference that the agreements are not a final step but rather represent a framework for peace. Mr. Vance later repeated this stance in almost identical words. The same position was adopted a few days later by Zbigniew Brzezinski, the presidential adviser, who took pains to underline the vital role that the moderate Arab states must play to ensure the success of the Camp David accords.

The repeated American assurances only confirm that there is reason for Arab apprehension. The two documents of Camp David are separate: The peace treaty between Egypt and Israel could still be signed even if the agreement on the West Bank crumbles. The shortcomings of the second agreement, as far as the Arabs are concerned, deserve a study on their own. Suffice to say that it incorporates most of the old Begin plan which was rejected way back in November.

The moderate—and radical—Arabs, however, have no rights over Begin himself or, for that matter, over President Sadat. But they are apprehensive that the U.S. might have finally taken a position against their interest. And since this is the time for "explaining" Mr. Vance, or, better still, Mr. Carter may want to close up the U.S. position on Israeli settlements.

Since 1967, successive American presidents and their secretaries of state and U.N. ambassadors have stated that the presence of Israeli settlements in occupied Arab territories is illegal. The Camp David accords make the existing ones in the West Bank and Gaza legal and Begin is even contesting the U.S. assertion that he has made a moratorium on future settlements. So in the dispute over the future settlements, the present ones are suddenly legalized. And this is without even having to go into the subject of Jerusalem.

The moderate Arabs appreciate American explanations and pledges but so far they have not been convinced. They worry that in the absence of conviction and an honest American position, they may come under pressure from their radical brothers to adopt a more forceful attitude against the protagonists of a solution that is breaking the Arab world in two. The radicals will have no choice but to look toward the Soviet Union for help and Moscow will be given a golden opportunity to return to the Middle East through the wide door having been kicked out of the window. Of course, there is always the chance that the Soviet Union has been in on the deal from the very beginning.

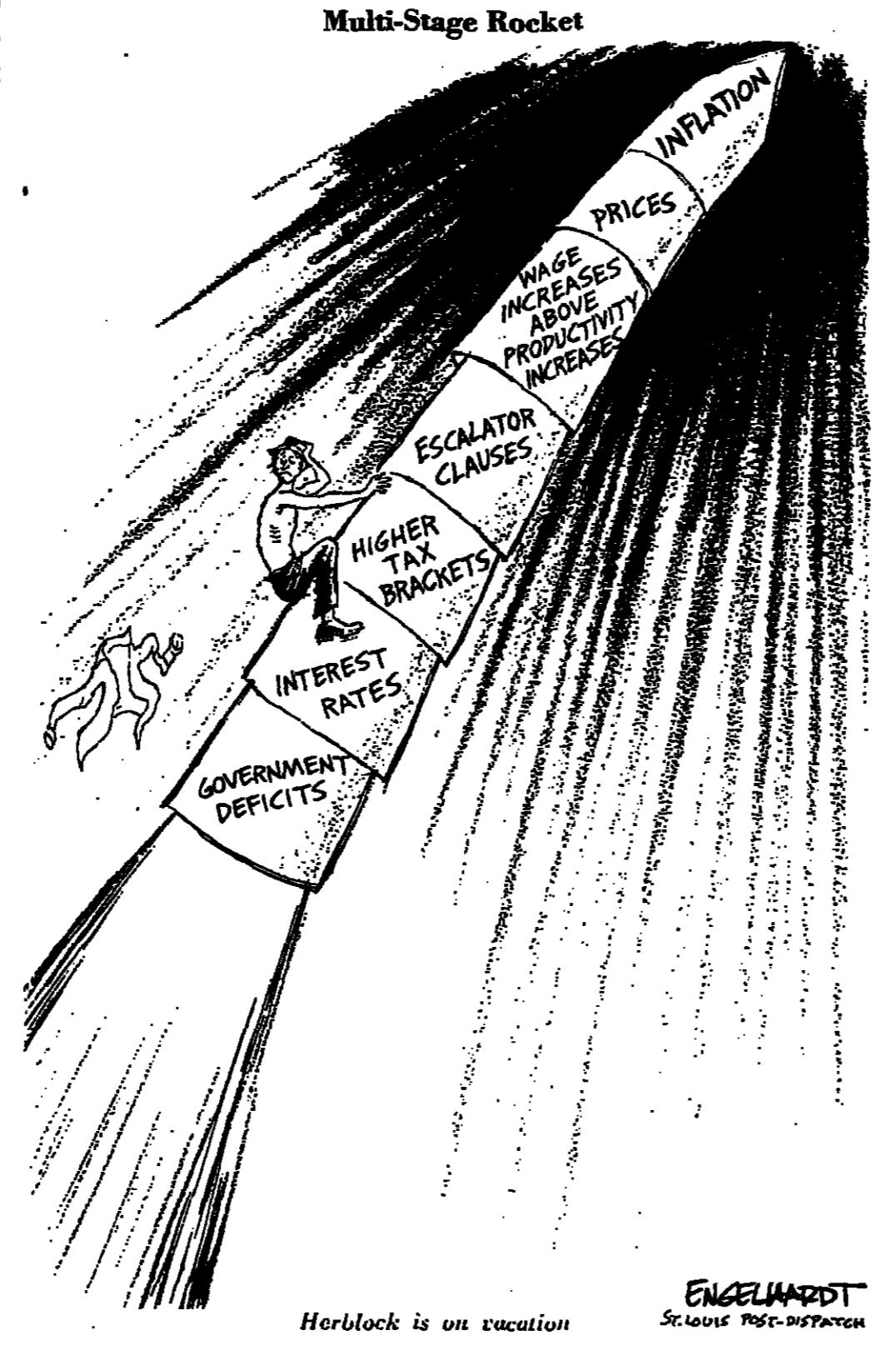
The U.S. must work with utmost dispatch to rehabilitate itself with the Arab moderates and salvage its credibility. The moderates' position notwithstanding, the U.S. will have to do this if only to support its contention that the moderates are necessary to accomplish peace.

saudi press review

"Okaz" editorial dealt with the statement issued by the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs about the visit to the Kingdom of Mr. Cyrus Vance, the U.S. Secretary of State. The paper extolled the statement as a reiteration of the Saudi position regarding the Middle East question.

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"Al-Riyad" Daily also commented on the Vance visit and made it clear that any proposed solution of the Middle East question that does not take into consideration what the Saudi statement referred to would be totally rejected. The paper stressed the crucial importance of returning Jerusalem to Arab sovereignty, as well as the recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian



Herblock is on vacation

Multi-Stage Rocket

Mexico's oil

By Ronald Reagan

LOS ANGELES — While the TV cameras and the reporters' pencils were poised outside Camp David, awaiting any scrap of news, another story broke but went almost unnoticed. It was the announcement by Mexico's President Jose Lopez Portillo that his country's possible oil reserves were being revised upward to 200 billion barrels. This could put Mexico in the class of Saudi Arabia as an oil supplier.

The implications are great. Developed with care, the oil reserves could not only bring economic strength to an important U.S. neighbor and generate jobs for Mexico's exploding population, but they could also provide the United States with a major alternative source of energy to Arab and other OPEC oil. There is the possibility of such reserves stabilizing or even lowering world oil prices through competition. And the short supply route and greater ease of transportation from Mexico would reduce the ever-present danger of supertanker oil spills.

A further byproduct of Mexico's development of its large reserves could be a reduction in the flow of illegal immigrants

into the U.S. The Mexican "campesinos" leave the land because it cannot support them. They flow into the U.S. in a steady stream (it is said that a million of the estimated 8 million "illegals" in the U.S. are Mexican) or they flow into the cities of Mexico looking for subsistence jobs. In the last two decades Mexico City has grown to be the world's most populous — with a smog problem to match.

Why didn't the administration take the Mexican reserves into account when President Carter launched his energy MEOW (Moral Equivalent of War) in the spring of 1977? Nobody is talking for attribution, but various press leaks by U.S. Department of Energy officials suggest that the administration withheld 1976 CIA data which verified the Mexican reserves.

I think the reluctance to reveal this information more likely stemmed from the assumptions of the energy ideologues who developed the Carter program. They had convinced themselves we must live in a world of lowered expectations and shortages and they wanted nothing to interfere with their conclusions.

Certainly the ill-fated

Carter energy legislation thus out. It was designed to raise taxes and manipulate oil prices — not prevent

the Mexicans giving access to the oil? That remains to be seen, but it will take peace and diplomacy on America's part, plus an understanding of Mexico's fierce sense of national pride and its wariness about foreign exploitation. With Mexico just now coming out of a slump, we must recognize the need to buy petroleum products at fair prices — unlike the Mexican oil deal botched by administration last year.

In that one, PEMEX, Mexican national petroleum producer, and some American companies wanted to build a pipeline to bring Mexican oil into the U.S. via Texas, agreed on a price of \$2.00 thousand cubic feet, but Carter's energy plan called raising U.S. producers' to only \$1.90 rather than regulate gas pricing. So, the energy department scuttled Mexican deal, once again artificially set, via politics, can create or in this case perpetuate a shortage. — (k)

Low profile on Rhodesia

By Bernard D. Nossiter

LONDON —

In the wake of their latest and most conspicuous failure to end Rhodesia's bloody conflict, Anglo-American diplomats have quietly decided to lie low and abstain from fresh initiatives for a while.

This was the central outcome of a private meeting this month here among Foreign Minister David Owen; Richard Moose, the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Anthony Lake, director of State's policy planning unit; and other key British and American diplomats.

Authoritative sources disclosed that their meeting, scheduled to last 90 minutes and actually consuming over three hours, was largely devoted to a cheerless review of the Rhodesian conflict.

At the end, they agreed that neither Washington nor London could do much that was useful now.

The failed initiative was last month's secret meeting between white Premier Ian Smith and Joshua Nkomo, one of the two guerrilla leaders whose forces are closing in on the whites. Authorities here acknowledge that this meeting was designed by Owen. He had hoped to unblock the political stalemate in Rhodesia. U.S. officials are said to have greeted Owen's plan skeptically, but abstained from exercising a veto.

Diplomats strenuously deny that the ill-fated meeting was designed to achieve a settlement behind the back of Robert Mugabe, Nkomo's national guerrilla partner. Instead the Anglo-American officials had hoped that the Smith-Nkomo talks would lead to a conference of all forces, black and white, inside and outside Rhodesia.

As it turned out, the secret meeting was largely a disaster. It has infuriated Mugabe who learned of it only after the talks took place, and then from Nigerian sources who had helped promote the meeting.

The Smith-Nkomo talks also succeeded in splitting the fra-

gile unity among the Black African presidents who rule lands bordering Rhodesia.

President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, a major supporter of Mugabe, is reliably reported to have spoken harshly to President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, the chief source of comfort for Nkomo.

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So, the same time, the massacre of the crash survivors has made it impossible for Smith to make further moves towards the guerrillas, the diplomats here agreed. They see Smith's own position endangered by two rightwing white forces in Rhodesia. One is demanding air and ground strikes whenever guerrillas are thought to camp. The other wants to displace Smith and somehow negotiate a continued white supremacy rule.

It is against this tangle background that Owen and the Americans decided to adopt a lower profile. John Graham of the British Foreign Office and Stephen Low, the U.S. Ambassador to Zambia, have been traveling from capital to capital, from guerrilla leader to guerrilla leader, trying to coax all hands around a table. This pair, present at the London talks, have been instructed to sit back quietly now.

Despite the obvious failure of the Smith-Nkomo meeting, some Anglo-American diplomats profess to see positive gains from it. They argue it has induced a new sense of realism about Rhodesia, and made it evident that Smith's deal with black leaders inside the country no longer lives.

The deal's principal black beneficiary, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, once touted as the most popular black politician in Rhodesia, is now regarded as a pathetic, inept and lonely figure. His lieutenants, it is said, are deserting him in droves, anxious to be on a winning black side and convinced it is not the Bishop's. Much the same thing, the diplomats concluded, is happening in the camp of the other principal signer of Smith's internal settlement, Rev. Ndalambani Sithole. They then that the Mugabe and forces will battle each for power.

In this view, Westerners should be Smith is finished, that ginal plan to hold elections for a black independence is declared has been over by events. In their view, only a free-wheeling like Andrew Young, the United Nations Ambassador could now say that black independence must come t not after an election.

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Transkei: the Black African country no one wants to recognize

By Carlyle Murphy
UMTATA — When Transkei's ambassador-at-large corners U.S. congressmen and senators to recite the reasons why his country should be recognized by the U.S. government, he unfolds a 1890s U.S. War Department map of Africa and points to the spot marked "Transkei" to bolster his arguments.

"See, I tell them," Ambassador Ngoondi Masimini relates, "your government's map shows Transkei long before South Africa existed in its present form."

But Masimini's affable manner and historical arguments fail to convince, and Transkei, the first black area to become an "independent" state under South Africa's policy of separate development for non-whites, wanders in a diplomatic wilderness, shunned by the international community.

No country except South Africa has recognized Transkei since South Africa declared it independent in October 1976, and no country appears likely to.

The problem is that Transkei represents the ultimate in the South African racial separation policy of apartheid, recently renamed "plural democracy," under which the nation's 18 million blacks are being assigned to nine homelands largely on the basis of what language they speak.

In the end, these 18 million will no longer be South Africans, but citizens of nine independent countries that critics note will put 75 per cent of the population on 13 per cent of the land, noticeably excluding major industrial and urban areas, as well as the gold mines of the Transvaal.

Divided into three separate pieces, which together are twice the size of Israel, Transkei is a land of beautiful mountains, forests and rivers that descend onto the rugged 320-kilometer wild coast along the Indian Ocean. It is in Transkei that 4 million speakers of Xhosa are to exercise their national political aspirations.

The question of just how independent Transkei has become is complex, especially when the answer is measured in money.

Parking meters in downtown Umtata, the country's capital, still take South African 5-cent pieces and in fact South African currency is used for all financial transactions. Transkei imports 90 per cent of its food from South Africa and all of its fuel. Half of Transkei's current budget comes from South Africa, largely from customs duties and taxes on the wages of Transkeian workers collected in South Africa.

Compounding the economic dependence in South Africa is Transkei's heated claim to land parcels that the white government refuses to give up, although they show as parts of Transkei on old documents such as Masimini's U.S. map.

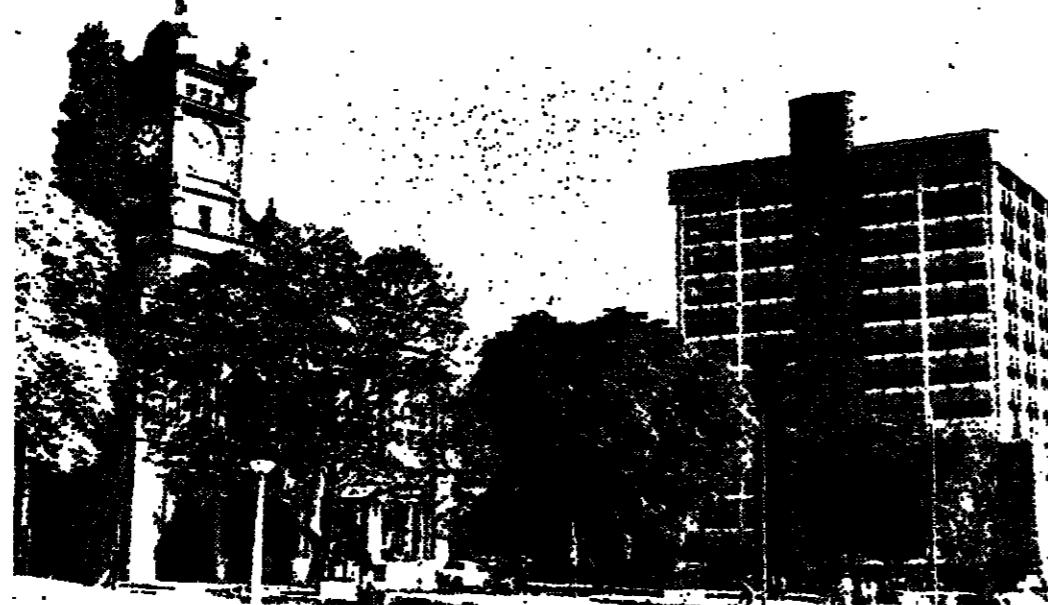
Pretoria's apparent refusal to take seriously Transkei's claims to the area known as East Griqualand, so enraged Prime Minister Kaiser D. Matanzima that he exercised his now sovereign rights April 10 and cut off diplomatic relations with South Africa.

Next Matanzima indicated to Pretoria that he considers all the pre-independence agreements to be breakable on whom. He ended the mutual non-aggression pact the two governments had signed.

Rupture of this pact means that South African naval vessels are supposed to steer clear of Transkeian waters and South African military planes must not overfly Transkeian airspace.

Matanzima has also threatened to train his 323-man army "for the future confrontation with the whites of South Africa" and for retaking the land he claims for Transkei.

The Transkeian leader dismissed the white South Afri-



The view from Main Street in the Transkei capital, Umtata.

cans who were training his army, which he intends to double this year, and replaced them with a black Transkeian brigadier.

Foreign Minister Digby Koyana recently invited "any African countries to come forward and train our officers and army and fill the vacuum which we have deliberately created by removing the South Africans."

Transkeian officials have even invited South Africa's arch enemies, the banned African National Congress (ANC) and Pan Africanist Congress (PAC), at open offices in Transkei.

The reaction to Matanzima's anti-South Africa stance has largely been very smiles, with some critics making references to Gilbert and Sullivan operettas and others, like Transkeian opposition parliamentarian Sizwe Mda, asking embarrassing questions in the legislative assembly.

"What do we do if South Africa cuts off our fuel? If their planes flew over the assembly, we could only go out and call them names," he said.

Despite Transkei's dubious status and uncertain future, the 60-odd roads that cross its borders with South Africa, only two of which have border control posts, lead to a place of striking beauty where residents say independence has brought chances, some of them for the better.

"The whites have accepted (the changes), taken it normally, the right way," said black reporter Vuyani Mreyanna. "They've shown that the heavens do not fall when things like this happen."

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Like many other black Transkeians, Fikeni is reaping the benefits from the creation of Transkei's own independent bureaucracy. Police, public works and post office, to name a few departments, all once dominated by whites, have been turned over to blacks. The post office staff of 870 for example, was 74 per cent white in 1974. Only 46 whites, left by Pretoria as technical advisers to Transkei, remain, making up five per cent of the post office staff, according to Postmaster Central Chris Maree, a white.

This development has been one of the basic arguments put forward by Pretoria as justification for the homelands. "Independence raises the standard of living and employment prospects and raises the (blacks) to status jobs. It's satisfaction of human aspirations," said Maree, who is now training a black Transkeian to take his place.

Other Transkeians are profiting from an artificial economic boom stimulated by the needs of an independent government. Construction of ministerial and presidential residences, a university, new office buildings and hospitals has been proceed-

ing at a lively pace over the past two years.

Despite some vestiges of South African rule, including two white-only schools in Umtata and white-only wards in the main hospitals, most forms of racial discrimination have disappeared. Interracial couples, some of whom moved into Transkei from South Africa at its independence, live without fear of the police harassment and prosecution that they were subjected to in South Africa.

Of the 10,000 whites in Transkei before independence, it is estimated that about 7,000 remain. Only 10 have been granted Transkeian citizenship and 20 more have applied for it, according to the Transkei Department of Interior. The rest have been made "honorary blacks."

J.R. Williamson, a chartered accountant, is one of the applicants for citizenship. He came to Transkei in 1956 when it was still officially part of South Africa.

"There are good schools and churches here, the atmosphere is pleasant, it's a Christian country," Williamson said. "All the Transkeians ask of me is my positive good faith and sympathy."

Both blacks and whites report that race relations have harmonized.

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Another woman, a municipal employee, said she had only one complaint — "well, it's just that they're not literate yet."

The retreat of South African sovereignty has permitted the Transkei government to give refuge to many ANC and PAC members who fled South Africa and to offer a place where criticism of South Africa can openly and freely be voiced, according to Koyana and other government officials.

"We have done more for the liberation of South Africa by creating a place where discussion can be free," said Liston Nishongwana, an aide to the prime minister.

But one is free to criticize South Africa only so long as the Transkei government



The countryside of the Transkei is still dotted with traditional huts.

Transkei has re-enacted some of the more obnoxious laws of the Republic of South Africa," said black attorney and former politician Knowledge Gwaza, referring to Transkei's law allowing indefinite detention without trial. The law is similar to South Africa's terrorism law.

Despite their rejection by the world and charges by their own Xhosa-speaking relatives who live outside Transkei that

they are "traitors" and "sellouts," Transkei government officials appear unperturbed at their predicament and optimistic that they will eventually win recognition. The recent visit of a representative of the Austrian Chamber of Commerce, which has close associations with the Austrian government, has given their confidence a boost.

Transkei deserves to be recognized, government officials say, because unlike the other

eight black homelands under the government's apartheid plan, Transkei was a bona fide nation dating from the 1880s. They maintain that their country was illegally annexed onto South African territory in the 1890s and that when the four provinces making up South Africa were joined in 1910, Britain should have made Transkei a protectorate as it did with the black areas of Lesotho, Swaziland and Botswana, all of which are now black

states and members of the United Nations.

One official, Finance Minister Tsepo Letlaka, said Transkei went about gaining independence the wrong way. What the country should have done, he said, was to "go over the border, grab 100 whites, including women and children, bring them back, call the press and shoot them. And we would be recognized because we would call ourselves revolutionaries. It's as simple as that," — (WP)

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French labor absurdities

By Marcus Eliason

PARIS — Everybody seems happy at Lucien Bichet's ornaments factory. The workers like their boss, the plant earns a steady profit and has never known a strike. It's an island of peace in the battlefield of French labor relations.

Thus many Frenchmen would be astounded to learn that Bichet is going on trial September 29 on charges of breaking the country's labor laws. The idyll at Bichet's factory has served, ironically, to bring the government and the trade unions into an alliance.

One problem is that for the past nine months, while much of French industry is plagued by labor unrest, Bichet's 160 workers have been contentedly working a four-day week, 10 hours a day.

The law does not permit more than a nine-hour day. "We are 99 percent in favor," says one of the workers. "It gives us a three-day weekend.

My wife (who also works at the plant) does the housework on Friday, and we have Saturday and Sunday free. We save on babysitters for the children and have more time with them."

The unions were disinclined to support him. Employees of International Deco are not unionized. French unions are fighting for a 35-hour week, and apparently feel that Bichet's system is an obstacle at a critical time.

Inspectors began to get tough. In nine months Bichet accumulated 280 fines totalling 140,000 francs (about \$32,500). He refused to pay.

"I have done no wrong," he told reporters who visited the plant. "I have made my workers happy." The workers backed his argument.

Labor inspectors accused Bichet of violating the 1936 law stipulating an eight-hour-a-day, five-day week.

Bichet replied that that law was written to protect workers from unscrupulous employers, not to deny workers what they

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Second straight

Dodgers clinch NL West title

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 25 (AP) — Steve Garvey drove in three runs with a double and two singles and Bob Welch fired a five-hitter as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the San Diego Padres, 4-0, Sunday to clinch their second straight National League West championship.

Yankees 4, Indians 0
In the American League East pennant race, New York retained its one-game lead over Boston. New York's Ron Guidry fired a two-hitter for a club-record ninth shutout of the year, pacing the Yankees to a 4-0 victory over the Cleveland Indians and erasing the memory of Saturday night's 10-4 clobbering at Cleveland's hands.

Red Sox 7, Blue Jays 6
It took Boston 14 innings to edge last place Toronto. Roy Howell's two-out throwing error in the 14th allowed Jim Rice to score from third, giving the Red Sox a 7-6 victory.

Phillies 8, Mets 2
In the NL East division, Philadelphia increased its lead over second-place Pittsburgh to four games.

Tim McCarver hit his first home run of the season, a

three-run blast, and Bake McBride smashed a solo homer to back the strong pitching of Steve Carlton as the Phillies defeated the Mets, 8-2, for their fourth straight victory.

Expos 6, Pirates 0
But in Montreal, rookie Scott Sanderson fired a three-hitter and the expos scored three first-inning runs to blank the Pirates, 4-0.

Twins 6, Royals 4
In Minnesota, Al West leader Kansas City dropped a game as Dan Ford's sixth-in-

ing home run snapped a tie and helped the Twins to a 6-4 victory.

Angels 7, White Sox 3
Second-place California's Don Baylor a tie-breaking home run touched off a five-run, sixth-inning rally and carried the heavy-hearted Angels to a 7-3 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

Brewers 5, A's 2
Milwaukee's Mike Caldwell recorded his 21st victory and Robin Yount and Jim Wohl-

ford drove in two runs apiece, leading the Brewers to a 5-2 victory over the Oakland A's.

Giants 6-6, Astros 0-4
Stout pitching by Vida Blue and Jim Barr carried the San Francisco giants to a 6-0, 6-4 doubleheader sweep of the Houston Astros.

Blue 18-9, scattered eight hits and pitched his fourth shutout of the season in the opener as Darrell Evans and Hély Cruz belted two-run homers.

Tigers 4, Orioles 2
Aurelio Rodriguez and Alan Trammell singled to drive in ninth-inning runs and the Detroit Tigers defeated the Baltimore Orioles, 4-2, on four unearned runs.

Reds 2, Braves 1
In the NL, Tom Hume fired a three-hitter and George Foster scored both runs as the Cincinnati Reds nipped the Atlanta Braves and Jim Bouton, 2-1.

Cubs 5, Cardinals 4
Bill Buckner and Larry Blitner drilled run-scoring singles in the ninth inning to lift the Chicago Cubs to a 5-4 triumph over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Dennis Tueart, the former England international winger, former West German captain Franz Beckenbauer, Yugoslav ace Vladislav Bogijevic and Brazilian Carlos Alberto.

The match will be a special occasion for British fans, who have not had a chance before to see the way the Americans present the game.

A band will play before the game, cheerleaders will attempt to stir up the crowd and a shoot-out will decide the match if it is drawn.

The cosmos have had some disappointing results on tour, but Eddie Firmani, the club's South African manager, explained: "We have already played 40 games in five months at home and on tour."

Cruyff's decision to play will add new life to the American champions, who have plenty to prove to English soccer fans.

Tueart, who surprised experts when he elected to join the Cosmos at the height of his international career, said: "I aim to prove to people that my decision was correct."

Firmani also hopes to sign more players for his already star-studded line-up during the European tour.

He said Monday: "There are a few players that I would like to buy from this country, but I've also looked at a couple in Germany."

"We've still got plenty of money to spend, and we want to spend it."

NAPA, California, Sept. 25 (AP) — Tom Watson, playing on the course where he launched his professional golf career seven years ago, shot into the lead with an eagle on the fifth hole Sunday and coasted to his ninth tournament title of the year with a final-round 67 in Napa's \$200,000 tour event.

The 29-year-old Watson led by six strokes after posting his fifth birdie of the day at the 15th hole, took his second bogey at the 16th and parred the final two holes to finish with a 72-hole total of 270, three strokes ahead of Ed Sneed, who closed with a 70.

Watson was under 70 all four rounds of the tournament at the Silverado Country Club.

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BUENOS AIRES, — Bjorn Borg of Sweden completely overwhelmed Argentina's young Jose Luis Clerc 6-1, 6-1 Sunday night in the third match of an international tournament here. Crowd expectations ran high as the fast-rising local star faced Borg, a three-time Wimbledon champion. But right from the start, Borg demonstrated a power and precision tennis that completely overwhelmed his 20-year-old opponent.

LOS ANGELES, (AP) — Second-seeded Brian Gottfried and seventh-seeded Arthur Ashe scored semifinal victories

Sunday in a \$200,000 men's tennis tournament at UCLA's Pauley Pavilion. They were to play for a first prize of \$30,000 in the finals Monday night.

SOMERSET, New Jersey, (AP) — The United States Olympic Committee's executive board voted Sunday to approve the contracts between the city of Los Angeles and International Olympic Committee for staging the 1984 Olympic Games.

ATLANTA, Georgia, (AP) — Australian tennis star Evonne (Goolagong) Cawley, Chris Evert and Wimbledon champion Martina Navratilova are scheduled to play in a \$10,000 women's tennis classic here this week.



GOLDEN MILER: Britain's Steve Ovett seen winning the 1500-meters gold at the Prague European championships last month, showed Monday he is also supreme over the mile.

At Napa

Watson coasts to 9th win of year

His 270 total was one over the tournament record set by 1971 winner Billy Casper.

Richer

Watson received a \$40,000 first-place check after Sunday's round over Silverado's 6,870-yard, par-72 course.

He increased his 1978 tour earnings to \$343,429, virtually assuring himself of a second consecutive money-winning title, and he has won \$1,182,391 since starting the tour with NAPA's 1971 tournament.

Watson, who won \$310,000 on the tour last year, has af-

ready put together the most ready put together the most consecutive seasons.

Richer

With a good finish in next weekend's \$300,000 World Series of Golf in Akron, Ohio, he could break Johnny Miller's PGA single-season record of \$353,021.

On the women's tour Sunday, Donna Caponi Young sank a 25-foot birdie putt on the third hole of a sudden-death playoff and teammate Kathy Whitworth won the \$100,000 Ladies Professional Golf Association team championship.

really can't regard it as anything more than just a sick joke. My contention is that that's fair comment and there's a legal defense which is known as truth. I stand by exactly what I said," Arum said.

The "real target" of the suit was "what the FBI might uncover", he said.

The suit further said Arum charged that the two had diverted funds from Louisiana Sports and pocketed some of the proceeds of ticket sales. It is the second damage suit to emerge from verbal duels that preceded and followed Arum's Sept. 15 victory.

Sherman Copelin and Don Hubbard, principals of Louisiana Sports Inc., claim that Bob Arum of Top Rank slandered and humiliated them and their wives and cost them future business.

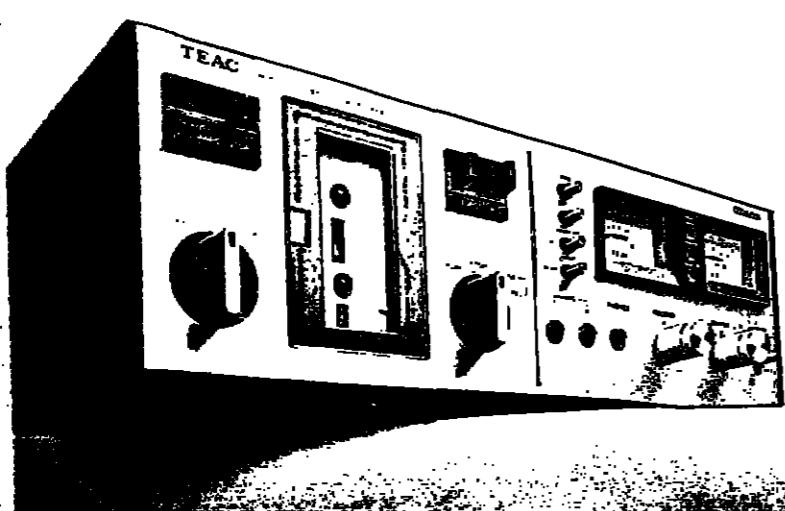
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Kenyan falls out

Ovett captures 'Golden Mile'

TOKYO, Sept. 25 (Agencies)

— Steve Ovett of Britain confirmed his position as the world's top miler when he streaked to victory in the 'Dubai Golden Mile' at an eight nation athletics meeting here Monday.

Ovett, the European and world cup athletics champion at 1500 meters, played his usual waiting game before bursting away in the final stages to win in three minutes 55.5 seconds.

Second was Francis Gonzalez of France with 5:57.3, with another Briton, Graham Williamson, third in 5:59.2.

Kenya's Henry Rono, holder of four world records in the 10,000, 5,000, 3,000 and 3,000 meters steeplechase, took a commanding lead in first lap but was forced to drop out half way though while still in

the race.

Rono, who has had a pun-

ishing season, said afterwards he had been suffering from a glandular complaint.

"The doctor told me it was OK to run but after one lap it

began to affect me. I tried to go on but had to give up," Rono said.

New Zealand's Rod Dixon took over from Rono, trailed by Ovett and Gonzalez.

With about 300 meters left Ovett changed gear to cruise smoothly to victory.

It was always a tactical race, with Ovett determined to win rather than burn himself on the world mile record of 3:49.1 set by New Zealand's John Walker in Gothenburg, Sweden in 1975.

Ovett, 22, who recently broke the British mile record in Oslo in 3:52.8, said he would "have liked someone to have pushed me faster during the race."

But he added he was tired before the race because of the 16-hour flight from London and then "I just felt so tired throughout the race. It must have been humidity. At times I could hardly breathe."

Ovett received a gold trophy, valued at \$9,500, which will be

up for challenge every year.

Otherwise, the Soviet Union

dominated the meet Monday, 24-44 meters on his third

Monday, beating Italy's Paolo

up by more than two meters for the first gold medal.

Champ evicted by lawnmower

BAGUIO, Philippines, Sept. 25 (R) — World Chess champion Anatoly Karpov Monday moved out of his luxury hotel because of a noisy power lawnmower.

He shifted his luggage to a country club in the depths of a forest.

Karpov, a late sleeper who

goes to bed around dawn, was

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to retain his world crown. He

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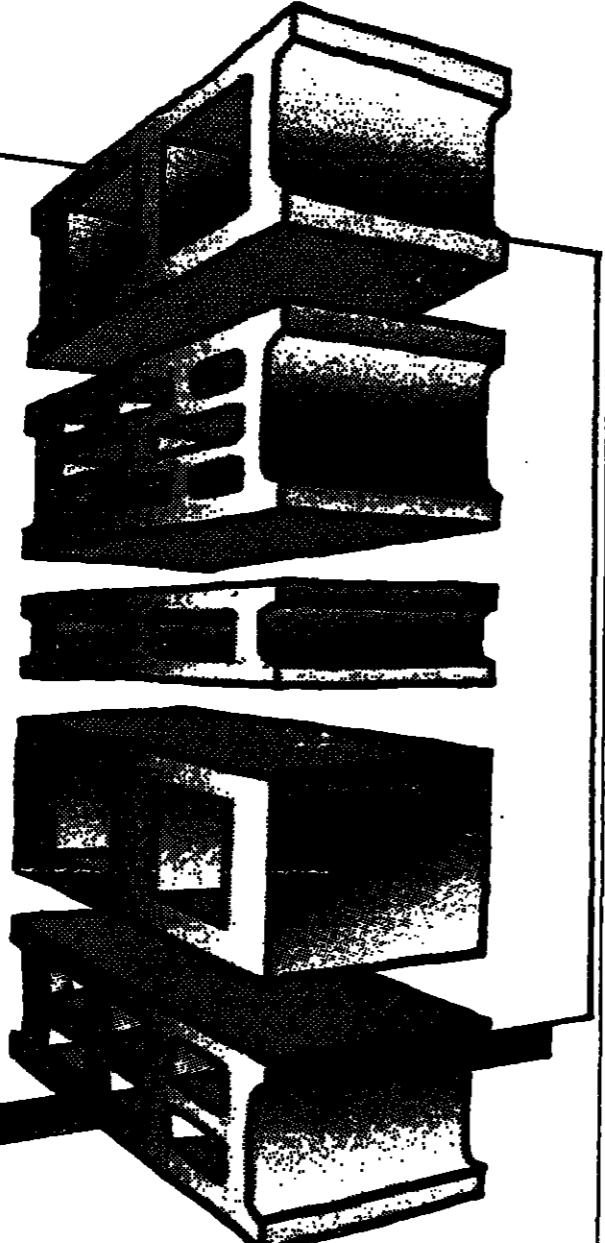
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Late News

Implicated in Buback murder

Jailed woman named as German terrorist

DORTMUND, Sept. 25 (R)—A woman captured after a gun-battle with police in a Dortmund wood was identified Monday as Angelika Speitel, 26, one of West Germany's most wanted terrorist suspects.

She is believed to have planned the escape route for the murderers of Federal Prosecutor Siegfried Buback in April last year.

Mrs. Speitel was caught Saturday after being wounded in a clash in which a policeman was shot dead.

Police said she had been po-

sitively identified by people who visited her Monday in hospital.

The delay in identification arose because police had no fingerprints.

Mrs. Speitel is also suspected of involvement in last year's murder of kidnapped industrialist Hanns-Marine Schleyer.

Her husband Volker was arrested on a train near Bremen last October and has been charged with membership of a criminal organization.

A second terrorist suspect captured with Mrs. Speitel was

identified Saturday as Michael Knoll, 27. He lay critically ill in hospital Monday, wounded during the battle.

A warrant for his arrest was issued on Friday after police found his fingerprints in a terrorist hide-out in Dusseldorf. Not counted among the hardcore, he was wanted for membership of a criminal organization.

A third terrorist suspect escaped in the battle which broke out when a police patrol car surprised the group having shooting practice.

They had been tipped off by

a resident who heard shooting in a wood south of the city.

Swiss and Austrian passports were found on the two captured suspects.

Knoll had passports in the name of Friedrich Stenzel of Innsbruck and Martin Hecker of Zurich.

Mrs. Speitel had a passport describing her as Bettina Koch of Zurich.

Mrs. Speitel is the first hardcore terrorist suspect captured alive in West Germany since the arrest of Siegfried Hagg in November 1976. Haag went on trial in Stuttgart Monday charged with masterminding a raid on the West German embassy in Stockholm in 1975.

Arrests of most terrorists over the last two years have taken place in other European countries, from Bulgaria to Britain.

On Sept. 6, police in Dusseldorf shot dead Willy Peter Stoll, one of the gang's central figures. Mrs. Speitel is known to have been a companion of Stoll.

Despite the recent successes, police are predicting an imminent terrorist attack.

Chicago action could stampede interest rates

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (AP)—What could be the latest round of prime rate rises began Monday when First National Bank of Chicago, the eighth-largest U.S. commercial bank, boosted the interest rate it charges preferred corporate customers to 9 1/4 percent from 9 percent.

It was the third increase in less than a month and the eighth this year. The prime rate stood at 7 1/4 percent on Jan. 1.

The move follows another round of U.S. Federal Reserve interest rate hikes. The Fed moved late last week to raise the discount rate from 7 1/4 percent to 8 percent.

They said Dr. Ardalan, 77, was scheduled to be formally appointed by the Shah Tuesday to replace ex-Premier Amir Abbas Hoveyda, who resigned during the recent political crisis.

Hoveyda, who had held the



FRONT: Police were out in force in London Sunday to prevent clashes between the National Front, marching here with flags, and leftist demonstrators.

In Najaf, Iraq

Emigres say Iranian Ayatollah is virtually under house arrest

PARIS, Sept. 25 (R)—Iranian opposition groups in Paris claimed Monday that Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, a leading opposition figure, has been placed under virtual house arrest in Iraq.

They said he had been unable since Saturday to receive visitors or leave his home at Najaf, where he has lived for 15 years.

Meanwhile in Tehran, informed sources said Monday the Shah has named Dr. Ali Qoli Ardalan, a former foreign minister, as his minister of the imperial court.

Those who sent messages included King Juan Carlos, President Walter Sosel, President Anwar Sadat, King Hassan II, Giscard d'Estaing, President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan, Sultan Qaboos of Oman, the deputy commander in chief of Mauritius, the president of Cape Verde Islands.

court minister's post for the last year, since being sacked from the premiership, said he

Leaders cable Khaled

RIYADH, Sept. 25—King Khaled Monday received more cables from world leaders congratulating him on National Day.

Crown Prince Fahd, who is deputizing for the King in his absence, replied.

It is stepping down to be ready for "later political activity."

Dr. Ardalan, a veteran diplomat of Kurdish origin, held several ambassadorial posts.

He was foreign minister in the 1950's but has been out of public life for more than a decade.

Also Monday, the Rastakhi Party ended its life as the country's only political group, but Javad Saeed, newly-elected secretary-general, denied reports that it was being dissolved.

It's board has agreed that groups could split off to form other parties, as one has already done, in preparation for Majlis elections scheduled next June—three months after the present six-month martial law is due to be lifted.

Rhodesia discloses month-long incursions

SALISBURY, Sept. 25—Rhodesia disclosed for first time Monday that forces have been engaged continuous operations in Zambia and Mozambique at least a month.

The announcement made by the military in press briefing on last we major operation against riot Front guerrillas inside Mozambique.

Guerrilla deaths had into hundreds" during four-day mission.

Although no raids Zambia this month had reported before an off said continuous forays been mounted across the Z into Zambia and Mozambique and suffered considerable number of casualties.

He added that Rhodes troops operated inside Zambia daily on tac missions.

"There is a sense of de ration on the part of the riot Front to deploy as m as possible into Rhodesia disrupt our intended elect and it is our task to ens as far as possible, the int government's plans in this gard are not frustrated."

Documents captured i guerrilla bases apparently s ed that 20 Rhodesians—for them white civilians — being held captive in Mo bique.

The official urged the International Red Cross to tak the question of the ci prisoners with the Paf Front in the strongest p ble terms.

From page one

Vance

Palestinian people's right to set up their own independent state and exercise sovereignty over national territory.

The Camp David accords

ignored Arab rights to the recovery of occupied territory and Israel withdrawal from it, he said.

The sources said that during the talks, which were also attended by Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam, Vance presented the American viewpoint on the agreements and replied to questions put by Assad.

Assad told Vance that Syria's

objective would continue to be

peace on the basis of U.N.

resolution 338, which Syria saw

as providing for Israel's full

withdrawal from occupied

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Phalangists

densely-populated area high ground in the east of the city.

The ADF said its posit had been attacked with tars and heavy machine Sunday night, but the fi had been silenced.

The latest clashes starte the weekend, minutes President Elias Sarkis br cast an emotional appeal an end to the violence.

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ter. I will not only not my anguish, but I will ex it in every language that express emotion ...

"With a painful and a ing heart, but with a c onscience, I choose to re mend abandoning the s ments." Begin said.

140 killed

A navy flight surgeon said he saw the collision "They hit head-on. It was believeable." After the c he said, the 727 went into tailspin, "what we call a g yard spin in the navy will other plane trailing after

Commission says Indira's son rejected role in corrupt deal

NEW DELHI, Sept. 25 (Agencies) — A government commission stated Monday that former Defense Minister Bansi Lal tried unsuccessfully to involve the elder son of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in a plan to purchase two Boeing 737 aircraft, the United News of India reported.

The commission in a report as yet unreleased said there were insufficient grounds for corruption charges against Lal, who had been one of Mrs. Gandhi's closest advisers. The former defense mi

nister faces charges in several other cases.

UNI said the report was expected to be made public this week.

India's Defense Ministry in the end decided not to buy the U.S. plane, preferring to continue using the Soviet-built TU-124 jetliner for official flights by state leaders.

The inquiry, headed by Justice P.J. Reddy, said Rajiv Gandhi, Mrs. Gandhi's son and a domestic airline pilot, was brought into the discussion on the Boeing 737 because officials wanted him to intercede on their behalf with

In Karnataka, Monday the Indira Congress Party of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi gained a seat from the Janata Party in a by-election to the assembly of the south Indian state of Karnataka.

He thought that, if they suffered a serious setback, the Britons and Americans would squabble, and before they could reach a political agreement, we already would be in Brussels and Antwerp," Manteuffel said.

"He didn't realize that Eisenhower did not require a political decision before reacting."

Manteuffel's troops fought in the two major encounters of the battle, at St. Vith and at Bastogne, which was surrounded but not captured. The German offensive folded as their supply system broke down, improved weather allowed the Allies to reassert their air superiority and, by Jan. 16, the counter-attacking U.S. 1st and 3rd Armies had linked to close

the Bulge. The month-long battle cost the allies almost 8,000 casualties and the Germans 100,000.

A January 1944 order for the execution of an insubordinate soldier brought Manteuffel an

18-month jail term 15 years later and the loss of his general's pension.

He served in the Bundestag for three years in the 1950s.

He is survived by his wife,

a son and a daughter.

Gold shoots up

LONDON Sept. 25 (R)—The battered dollar Monday produced two records—it plunged below 1.50 Swiss francs for the first time and sent the price of gold shooting to new heights.

The currency slumped to 1.4995 francs on the London foreign exchange markets Monday afternoon and within minutes it had retreated even further to 1.4885 francs. The dollar has now lost nearly 25 per cent of its value against the Swiss franc since the beginning of this year.

It's fall sent gold to a record \$218.40 an ounce. It had only Monday morning established a record by climbing to \$216.65 an ounce on the London bullion market, but that mark fell in the afternoon trading.

The dollar has taken a severe beating on the world's foreign exchange markets this summer. Its depreciation became so serious last month that U.S. authorities were forced to intervene with support measures. But the effect seems to have worn off and the U.S. currency has resumed its downward spiral.

In London, it took \$1.97445 to buy one pound late Monday

compared to \$1.9710 late Friday.

This was a slight improvement for the pound despite a strike against Ford of Britain. All 23 of Ford's plants are expected to be idle by Tuesday.

In Tokyo, which ends its business day as European markets are opening, the dollar edged up slightly against the Japanese yen. It closed at 187.825 yen, up from 187.60 yen at Friday's close.

Dealers cited the situation in the Middle East after the Camp David summit as a major factor for the dollar's general depreciation.

"The framework for peace is splitting at the seams," commented a London trader.

The dollar's weakness late in the day in Europe helped push up the price of gold, a traditional hedge for an investor in times of monetary uncertainty.

It closed in London at an all-time high of \$220.25 a troy ounce, up \$5.875 from Friday's close of \$214.375 and the record fixing price Monday afternoon of \$218.40.

In Zurich, Europe's major bullion market, gold ended the day at \$219.375, up \$5.25 from \$214.125 at Friday's close.